

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:20 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the Work Session was being held in accordance with provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail, fax and email to the official City newspapers and to other interested parties and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Frank J. Calandriello, Erin N. Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso
Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia and Joseph Delaney
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Fire Official Gerald Walis, Zoning Officer Robert Schultz, Property Maintenance Inspectors Robert Ridarick and John Pinto

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following individuals concerning requests for City Council endorsement of Community Development grant applications:

1. Garfield YMCA Executive Director Patricia Gallagher in the amount of \$200,000.00 for improvements to the Natorium at their building located at 33 Outwater Lane.
2. The Boys and Girls Club of Garfield Executive Director Shane Sudol in the amount of \$9,255.00 for the Program Space Renovation and \$15,000.00 for Triple Play Healthy Habits.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER ALOIA

At 6:30 PM, Councilmember Louis G. Aloia joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

WORKABLE COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed Workable Communities Workshop grant applications in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for improvement to the Passaic Street and River Drive areas.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The response from New Jersey Transit Railroad to City inquiries on the condition and structural integrity of the Train Trestles over Passaic Street and River Drive and the need to clean up and paint the bridge.

ARRIVAL OF LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 6:40 PM, Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

PROPOSED ENFORCEMENT OR AMENDMENTS TO THE UNREGISTERED VEHICLE STORAGE ORDINANCE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Fire Official Gerald Walis, Zoning Officer Robert Schultz and Property Maintenance Inspectors Robert Ridarick and John Pinto to discuss possible enforcement or amendments to Chapter 242 entitled "Property Maintenance" of the Garfield City Code and Chapter 302.8 of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, especially as it relates to Unregistered Vehicle Storage.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 6:45 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

ON-STREET PARKING OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the communication with a citizen regarding vehicles in this day and age being larger in width and length and the possible need to amend City Ordinance No. 1996 which sets a 19' maximum length for vehicles parked overnight on the street.

TRASH ORDINANCE

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed amendments to Chapter 164 of the City Code entitled " Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse". Property Maintenance Inspector Robert Ridarick suggested amending the ordinance for the earliest residents may place solid waste or recyclables at the curb from 6:00 PM to 4:00 PM the night before pick-up.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Blue Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations.
2. White Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations.
3. PBA Local No. 46 Collective Bargaining Negotiations.
4. The retirement of Police Detective Sean Delahanty effective December 31, 2017.
5. The estimated cost to record and Broadcast City Council Meetings will be placed in the 2018 Budget.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The recent meeting which was held on the progress of the demolition and construction of the new Police Station at 411 Midland Avenue. A foundation of an old garage was found under the site of the old Police Station and as was a 1,000 gallon fuel oil tank.
2. Proposed Community Development Block Grant applications.
3. The proposed improvements to Well 8C and Well 1A.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 17-411

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to exclude the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that such circumstances now exist,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that a "Closed Session" is hereby called at 7:45 P.M. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (PBA Local No. 46 collective bargaining negotiations).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (condition of 43 Passaic Street and County refusal to approve a loan for that property).

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- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Jehovah Witness' objection to apply for a peddlers or solicitors permit to go door to door in town; award of animal control contract).

- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Spencer Savings Bank Agreement to make a donation for Benda-Roehrich VFW Post No. 2687 to purchase a van; award of animal control contract; possible bid protest re: Solid Waste Collection and disposal and possible lawsuit involving an individual or one of the bidders, JSI, vs the City and Sterling Carting Inc.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

After the City Council voted to go into Closed Session at 7:45 PM, Property Maintenance Inspector Robert Ridarick and John Pinto, Fire Official Gerald Walis and Zoning Officer Robert Schultz left the Work Session and it was duly voted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:30 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 8:40 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail, fax and email to the official City newspapers and to other interested parties and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, Frank J. Calandriello, Erin N. Delaney, Joseph Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso
Also Present: City Clerk/Deputy City Manager Andrew J. Pavlica, Labor Counsel John Lavin and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to approve the Reports of the Cabinet as presented orally and in writing during the Work Session held earlier this evening. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-412

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the following is the list of regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council for the year 2018, with Work Sessions commencing at 6:00 PM, and the Regular Meetings commencing at 8:00 PM, except when a Legal Holiday, Election or Special Occasion is involved as listed:

Friday,	January 5, 2018	Firematic Meeting at 7:00 PM
Tuesday,	January 9, 2018	
Tuesday,	January 23, 2018	
Tuesday,	February 13, 2018	
Tuesday,	February 27, 2018	
Tuesday,	March 13, 2018	
Tuesday,	March 27, 2018	
Tuesday,	April 10, 2018	
Tuesday,	April 24, 2018	
Tuesday,	May 8, 2018	
Tuesday,	May 22, 2018	
Tuesday,	June 12, 2018	
Tuesday,	June 26, 2018	
Tuesday,	July 10, 2018	
Tuesday,	August 28, 2018	
Tuesday,	September 11, 2018	
Tuesday,	September 25, 2018	
Tuesday,	October 9, 2018	
Tuesday,	October 23, 2018	
Monday,	November 12, 2018	
Tuesday,	November 27, 2018	
Tuesday,	December 11, 2018	
Tuesday,	December 18, 2018	

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED and exact copy of this approved resolution to all the official City newspapers and to cause to have copies posted on the bulletin boards in City Hall and at the Garfield Free Public Library and on the City's Website.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-413

WHEREAS, the Hive Bar and Bistro, with business offices located at 142 Outwater Lane, in the City of Garfield, State of New Jersey, is requesting permission from the City to host a New Years Eve Party with DJ; and

WHEREAS, the hours of attendance on New Years Eve will be from 9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed by the City Manager, Thomas Duch, and Council with no negative reports for the past calendar year as to the Hive Bar & Bistro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council does hereby authorize the Hive Bar & Bistro with business offices located at 142 Outwater Lane, City of Garfield, State of New Jersey, to remain open for business for the exclusive business purpose of hosting a New Years Eve party, inclusive of a DJ, for the operating hours of 9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Hive & Bar Bistro, Thomas Duch, Esq., City Manager; Andrew Pavlica, City Clerk, Raymond Kovach, City Police Chief; and Christos J. Diktas, City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-414

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the provisions of Chapter 73-17 of the code of the City of Garfield concerning the hours of service and sales, specifically the portion regulating the hours an establishment holding a Plenary Retain Consumption License may stay open for business, is hereby suspended strictly for the 2018 New Year's Day Holiday and that permission is hereby granted to said establishments to remain open an additional three hours until 5:00 AM on January 1, 2018,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED and exact copy of this approved Resolution to the Garfield Police Chief.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-415

WHEREAS, Zoran Milevski, owner of Firehouse Family Restaurant, 42 Plauderville Avenue, has filed an application for a one hour time parking zone to be placed at his business, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "One Hour Time Parking", located on the east curb line of Shaw Street commencing 58 feet south of the intersection of Shaw Street and Plauderville Avenue and run an additional 30 feet south from that point.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a one hour time parking zone is hereby authorized to be in effect Monday thru Friday from 10:00am to 11:00pm,

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-416

WHEREAS, Todd Megin, owner of EZ Smokes Vapor Shop, 138 Midland Avenue, has filed an application for a 15 minute parking zone to be placed at his business, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "15 Minute Parking Zone", located on the east curb line of Midland Avenue commencing 107 feet south of the intersection of Midland Avenue and Commerce Street and run an additional 24 feet south from that point.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a 15 minute parking zone is hereby authorized to be in effect Monday thru Saturday from 10:00 am - 10:00 pm, was removed.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-417

RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO CONFIRM ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$9,255 has been proposed by Garfield Boys & Girls Club for Program Space Renovation, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Bergen County and the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Abstain 1 -
Councilmember Calandriello

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-418

RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO CONFIRM ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$15,000 has been proposed by Garfield Boys & Girls Club for Triple Play Healthy Habits, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Bergen County and the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Abstain 1 -
Councilmember Calandriello

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-419

RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO CONFIRM ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$200,000 has been proposed by Garfield YMCA for Natatorium Masonry Remedial Work, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Bergen County and the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-420

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BERGEN COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2018 RIVER DRIVE CURB AND SIDEWALK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield are desirous of applying for grant funding in connection with the 2018 River Drive Curb and Sidewalk Program, and;

WHEREAS, the improvements will provide safe pedestrian and barrier free access in an area lacking sidewalks

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for this project

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign all CDBG applications on behalf of the City.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-421

WHEREAS, City Officials of the City of Garfield have been approached by Evo Sports Center (ESC) to commence preliminary discussion regarding the creation of a Public Private Partnership wherein ESC would be responsible for the refurbishing and modernizing of various athletic facilities located within the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed consideration for the expense of the refurbishment would be monetized by the Municipal Auditors and, if the transaction is in concurrence with the Laws of the State of New Jersey, ESC would be permitted to utilize, in conjunction with all City entities including, but not limited to, the Board of Education, Recreation Program, Junior Football, Baseball, etc., the respective field(s) modernized by ESC subject to mutually agreed, but not an exclusive use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council does hereby authorize City Manager Thomas Duch to commence preliminary discussions which may evolve into negotiations and contracts subject to the Laws of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City also authorizes City Auditor Dieter Lerch of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, to calculate all necessary monetization calculations to determine the feasibility and value, of the Proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Evo Sports Center, Thomas Duch, Esq., City Manager; Dieter Lerch, City Auditor; Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer; Parks and Recreation Director, Chris O'Reilly; Christos J. Diktas, City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Abstain 1 -
Councilmember Calandriello

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-422

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF A 1000 GALLON UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK AT THE GARFIELD POLICE STATION SITE

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has commissioned to construction of a new Police Station at the location of the former facility, and;

WHEREAS, during the excavation of the former building’s foundation, a previously unknown 1000 gallon fuel oil Underground Storage Tank (UST) was encountered, and;

WHEREAS, Boswell McClave Engineering has solicited quotations for the removal of the tank and an estimated amount of soil to allow this UST to be removed in full compliance with NJDEP regulations and further to allow the construction work onsite to continue with a minimum of delay,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to oversee the removal of this UST for a fee not to exceed \$2000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, RFC Excavating is hereby authorized to provide UST removal services in the amount of \$4100 pursuant to their proposal dated 12/8/17,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, an additional \$500 for laboratory analysis and an additional \$5000 be authorized for the removal of contaminated soil, if encountered during the removal operations for a total authorization at this time of \$11,600 at this time.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-423

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield has identified the following checks to be stale, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has been deemed to cancel of record the following checks which are dates prior to December 7, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that all balances shall be treated as MRNA, as to the treasurer’s bank statement reconciliation:

Payroll Account 800741803

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
2477	\$ 165.87
2486	\$ 794.16
2487	\$ 794.16
2488	\$ 413.34
11094	\$ 271.37
12102	\$ 41.58
2615	\$1,955.39
12611	\$ 41.58

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-424

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owners for a Refund due to overpayment for the year 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
203.01	50.02 CO207	Lereta, LLC	O/P	\$1,799.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-425

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$44,592.61 which is now available from State of New Jersey Recycling Tonnage Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$44,592.61 is hereby appropriated under the caption Recycling Tonnage Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from State of New Jersey to Recycling Tonnage Grant, in the amount of \$44,592.61.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-426

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$5,722.43 which is now available from State of New Jersey Body Armor Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$5,722.43 is hereby appropriated under the caption Body Armor Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from State of New Jersey to Body Armor Grant, in the amount of \$5,722.43.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-427

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$1,664.00 which is now available from County of Bergen Municipal Alliance Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,664.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Municipal Alliance Grant; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from County of Bergen to Municipal Alliance Grant, in the amount of \$1664.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-428

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$2,126.63 which is now available from Us Department of Justice-Treasury Federal Body Armor Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,126.63 is hereby appropriated under the caption Federal Body Armor Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from Us Department of Treasury to Federal Body Armor Grant, in the amount of \$2,126.63.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-429

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers as per instructions from the Chief Financial Officer:

Account Name	Account Number	Transfer From	Transfer To
Tax Assessor	7-01-20-150-150-063		35,000.00
Police O/E	7-01-25-240-240-063		50,000.00
Public Health Services S/W	7-01-27-330-330-011		15,000.00
Audit Services	7-01-20-135-135-000		5,000.00
Recreation S/W	7-01-28-370-370-011		15,000.00
Finance Administration	7-01-20-130-130-011	10,000.00	
Department of Public Works S/W	7-01-26-290-290-011	40,000.00	
Attorney/Legal Service O/E	7-01-20-155-155-020	10,000.00	
Police Department S/W	7-01-25-240-240-010	50,000.00	
Volunteer Fire Company	7-01-25-255-255-063	10,000.00	
		<u>120,000.00</u>	<u>120,000.00</u>

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-430

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers as per instructions from the Chief Financial Officer:

Account Name	Account Number	Transfer From	Transfer To
Interest - TAN	7-05-55-546-546-000		2,500.00
Water Operations O/E	7-05-55-502-502-063	2,500.00	
		2,500.00	2,500.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-431

Resolution Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Year End Holiday Crackdown

Whereas, impaired drivers on our nation’s roads killed 10,497 people in 2016; and

Whereas, 20% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol-related; and

Whereas, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

Whereas, the season at the end of the year is traditionally a time of social gatherings which often include alcohol; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown; and

Whereas, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 8, 2017 through January 1, 2018; and

Whereas, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

Therefore, be is resolved that the City of Garfield declares it’s support for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Year End Holiday Crackdown from December 8, 2017 through January 1, 2018 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-432

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Public Service Electric and Gas Company is hereby authorized and requested to install an Induction Lamp on Pole Number E62110G located on 75 Pierre Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified and exact copy of this approved resolution to P.S.E. & G. Co. at the following address.

Mr. Patrick Buck
P.S.E. & G. Company
325 County Avenue
Secaucus, New Jersey 07094

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-433

WHEREAS, the Council, on November 28, 2017, pursuant to Resolution 17-408, authorized the Publication for RFP's for the following positions:

- a. City Planner
- b. City Architect
- c. City Real Estate Appraiser for Tax Appeals
- d. Risk Management Consultant
- e. Grant Consultant (3)
- f. Computer Services Consultant

WHEREAS, in order to avoid any potential misunderstandings or discrepancies in the RFP Process, the Council is of the Opinion that all City Positions referred aforesated Terminate on the same date. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Garfield does hereby Resolve that all 2017 appointed Professional Positions noted aforesated Terminate effectively midnight on December 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of this Resolution is to open the RFQ process to all viable and qualified candidates in a Fair and Open Forum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Thomas Duch, Esq., City Manager; Andrew Pavlica, City Clerk; Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer; Christos J. Diktas, City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-434

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006 the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature, became effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the local public contracts law, contracts for the provision of Professional services are not subject to competitive bidding, however, they are subject to the requirements of the above referenced law if the contract is anticipated to exceed \$17,500.00, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20-1, et seq a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that has made a contribution within one (1) year of the date of the contract that is reportable by the recipient pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded, unless the contract is awarded under a "fair and open process"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City to make certain professional appointments pursuant to a "fair and open process".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The City Attorney is authorized and directed to prepare a Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications for the following positions:

City Auditor	Municipal Prosecutor
City Bond Counsel	Municipal Public Defender
City Attorney	Labor Counsel
City Engineer	

2. These requests for qualifications shall solicit submissions which shall be due at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.
3. Appointments to these professional positions shall be considered at the next Regular meeting of the Garfield City Council after receipt of submissions.

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4. The Criteria for selection shall be as permitted by the aforementioned Law and contracts shall be awarded on the basis most advantageous to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to post the Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications on the City of Garfield website for a period of not less than ten(10) days prior to the due date described in this Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution together with copies of the Legal Notice and Criteria to the City Attorney as well as to all professionals currently holding the positions described in this Resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-435

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD AND DET. EVERETT GARNTO

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield employs Everett Garnto as Police Officer, (hereafter referred to as "Det. Garnto"); and

WHEREAS, Det. Everett Garnto, according to the City's worker's compensation insurance carrier, sustained a work incurred injury on or about May 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Det. Everett Garnto was out of work from May 10, 2015 of through June 4, 2017 and received his full salary during that time; and

WHEREAS, in or about April of 2017, the City advised Det. Garnto that he had been out of work for more than the one (1) year afforded by the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 46, Inc. of the City of Garfield ("PBA"), that he had been improperly overpaid his full salary for that time, that the City would recoup the overpayment by deducting from his accrued sick days and that, going forward, he would only receive his worker's compensation benefits; and

WHEREAS, Det. Garnto disagreed with the City as the City had not previously notified him that it intended to enforce the applicable provision in the collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, Det. Garnto retained counsel and submitted a claim seeking the return of his accrued sick days and has threatened additional legal action; and

WHEREAS, the City and Det. Garnto disagree with respect to their respective rights and obligations thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the City, and Det. Garnto seek to resolve Det. Garnto's claim for the return of his sick days amicably and without the need for litigation subject to and based upon the terms contained in this Settlement Agreement (the "Agreement");

WHEREAS, the City wishes to avoid the expense, exposure and distraction terms of protracted employment litigation with Det. Garnto and obtain closure and a release of any and all claims that Det. Garnto may have to date that arise from his employment by the City; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the discussion of the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement annexed hereto as Exhibit A, as made known to and approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, it is necessary to approve and execute an agreement to formalize the resolution of the claims asserted by Det. Garnto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the recitals set forth above shall be incorporated into and become an integral part of this RESOLUTION, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the City Manager, Thomas J. Duch, be and is hereby authorized to execute the agreement annexed hereto as Exhibit A, or one in substantially the same form in order to formalize the settlement between the City and Det. Garnto upon his satisfaction of all conditions precedent as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, and effectuate the terms of settlement in Det. Garnto's personnel and official records of the City, subject to the approval as to form by counsel to the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Abstain 2 -
Councilmembers Calandriello and Rigoglioso

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 17-436

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bill No. 2073 to 2075 covering Dog Trust Fund and Trust Account for Contributions totaling \$36,247.33 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$11.25 and the Current Fund totaling \$267,160.82 and the Water Fund totaling \$8,140.20 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$136,203.99 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$64,417.98 per attached Computer Lists, be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, which includes twenty one (21) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

The

Following Pages Numbered _____

For

Bills

And

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2771

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, November 28, 2017; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a)

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Rigoglioso declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being none, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Erin N. Delaney moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No.

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, November 28, 2017; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Rigoglioso declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being none, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Calandriello moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 2, Nays 3 – Councilmembers Erin Delaney, Joseph Delaney and Rigoglioso except Item D1 and Item D2 which was Ayes 1, Nays 3 – Councilmembers Erin Delaney, Joseph Delaney and Rigoglioso, Abstain 1 – Councilmember Calandriello

ORDINANCE DEFEATED

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Mr. Peter Franco, 127 West 12th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey, spoke on Animal Control Provider Geoffrey Santini of New Jersey Animal Control and Rescue, LLC. He spoke on the City of Bayonne receiving a response for a request for proposals from New Jersey Animal Control and Rescue in the Fall of 2015 and being awarded a contract on December 1, 2015. He spoke on alleged deficiencies in the process and by New Jersey Animal Control and Rescue in the submission. He spoke on making an Open Public Records Act Request to the City of Bayonne. He spoke on the City of Bayonne considering terminating the contract due to insurance deficiencies and deficiencies relating to an animal shelter requirement. He spoke on alleged disputes with Mr. Santini. He spoke on multiple complaints regarding response times, where the animals were going, and additional charges being imposed on the residents. He read some complaints regarding New Jersey Animal Control and Rescue. He complained that Mr. Santini has operated under six different company names over the past few years. He said that New Jersey Animal Control and Rescue contracts with eight different Municipalities. He spoke on the different company names that he has worked under, but still have the same employees, same location, same operation, and he said that they just keep changing their names. He said that people have to wonder what reputable business on the planet would change their company name six times while everything else stays the same for eight years. He said that Geoffrey Santini has no digital footprint. He said that he questions what business in today's day and age, operates with no website, no Facebook Page, no mention in Yelp, and he is virtually invisible to the digital world. He claimed that the only reason that Geoffrey Santini is the Animal Control Provider in Garfield is because he is politically connected with New Jersey State Senator Nicholas Sacco. He said that the City should rescind the contract and go with a more reputable provider.

Ms. Wanda Lowney, 141 Banta Avenue, spoke on the research that she has done on Animal Control Officer Geoffrey Santini. She spoke on her concern for the welfare of animals as a member of the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation. She said that she cannot support a convicted felon and she said that he is a convicted felon. She questioned why he has changed the company name so many times. She said that she is concerned for his shelter being properly licensed. She said that she is concerned whether Mr. Santini can service the City of Garfield and said that if there are eight different Municipalities that is contracted to Mr. Santini, then he serves many Masters. She asked the Mayor and Council and Administration to do due-diligence and have a thorough background check done. She said that the City should make sure everyone has the credentials and adequate space for sheltering animals. She asked to make sure that the animals are treated appropriately at Mr. Santini's Facility and she asked that the City monitor and protect the residents of Garfield who love animals. She asked that the City Council be as diligent as can be, and she said that the City needs to find out why and if everything is true.

Ms. Tana Raymond, 93 Spring Street, said that she was very disappointed and she said that the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation had a very good relationship with the prior City Animal Control Provider Lysa DeLaurentis. She said that she has been there every time she was called, and she said that there never has been an incident one time that she did not answer. She said that she understands from City Manager Tom Duch that the issue was that the shelter that she was using was not a registered shelter. She said that that has changed and that she does now have a registered shelter. She asked that the Mayor and Council please respect what the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation feels. She said that they are the voice for Garfield's Animals and this man, Mr. Santini, is totally unacceptable. She said that she knows the political connections of this man and she said that he is not right for Garfield. She said that when the City hires someone, there are things that the Council needs to know. She said that he was given a \$16,000 raise over what Lysa DeLaurentis was making. She said that Ms. DeLaurentis was paid \$30,000 annually vs. the \$46,000 annually that Mr. Santini was hired at. She questioned why Lysa DeLaurentis was not considered first. She spoke on an incident where a cat ran into the Pre-K School and Lysa DeLaurentis found the owner of the cat. She said that every animal that Lysa DeLaurentis picks up is treated with love and kindness and she operates a "No Kill" Shelter. She claimed that Mr. Santini does not operate a "No Kill" Shelter. She questioned if anyone did a check on his credentials. She said that his status and background are questionable. She spoke on pictures of Mr. Santini's Shelter and on his handling of animals. She said that the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation would like to know the name and location of his Wild Life Facility. She said that Lysa DeLaurentis had her Mother's Facility where

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baby deer and baby bears go. She questioned the procedure Mr. Santini uses for nuisance animals, such as skunks, racoons and opossums. She said that in one of his Reports, he adopted out four cats, when he services eight towns, and Lysa DeLaurentis has three towns, and she has adoptions every month and had at least thirty cats adopted. She said that there was something wrong with this picture. She spoke on Vincent Ascolese, who she said is the brother-in-law of Mr. Santini, who she said was convicted of animal cruelty and is listed as one of the Supervisors of Mr. Santini's operation, but she said that that site has since been taken down. She said that before Mr. Santini was an Animal Control Officer, he had a used car business and "chop-shop", was in the bail bonds business which went bankrupt, and now he decides that he loves animals. She questioned why Mr. Santini would have so many alias'. She questioned why there are multiple locations and name changes of his facilities. She said that something was not right, and she said that he has influential friends in Hudson County. She questioned how he was interviewed and how he was questioned. She said that if the City was going to do this, the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation should have been involved. She said that she is really disappointed that none of her friends on the Council even mentioned this situation to the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation. She said that if someone felt there was an existing problem where someone complained that Lysa DeLaurentis' Shelter was not licensed with the State, it is registered with the State now. She told the City Council to go online. She said that she pleads with the Council to rescind this Council Resolution concerning this man that was hired for Animal Control Officer in Garfield. She said that she does not understand why he was given a \$16,000 raise over Lysa DeLaurentis. She said that Lysa DeLaurentis has always answered Animal Control calls. She said that she will not allow Garfield's animals to be victims of this man and that the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation will consider taking legal action and making a bid protest. She said that the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation sincerely asks that the Council please rescind the Resolution and put it out to bid again. She said that the City failed at due-diligence and did not thoroughly vet the candidates. She spoke on the vote that occurred this evening concerning the Salary Ordinance. She asked questions on City Council Resolutions including the Resolution regarding the conclusion of the terms of City professionals on December 31st.

Mr. John Easom, 103 Gaston Avenue, questioned if the City Council has considered creating an Advisory Board for Animal Control Services.

ARRIVAL OF CITY MANAGER DUCH

At 9:20 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch joined the Regular Meeting and it was duly noted for the record.

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Ms. Anna Sciacca, 261 Gaston Avenue, asked questions concerning the Salary Ordinance and possible discrimination for political reasons.

Ms. Laurie Calvert, 54 Belmont Avenue, spoke on her experience in the Borough of Bogota when her two cats were removed from her house and how her two cats were adopted out. She said that the Animal Control Provider there had no records and she questioned how the Provider could have no computer records in this day and age.

Mr. John Easom, 103 Gaston Avenue, said that when people do shovel sidewalks, they should be advised to make a place for their garbage cans, so the snow is not piled up and the garbage cans fall off of piles of three feet of snow.

Mr. James Mazzer, Midland Avenue, spoke on the City Ordinance prohibiting the placement of garbage at the curb prior to 6:00 PM. He said that in the winter, when it is dark at 4:00 PM, neighbors do not want to take garbage to the curb at 6:00 PM in the dark. He suggested that maybe the Ordinance can be amended to allow garbage to be brought to the curb at 4:00 P.M.

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Councilmember Aloia said that in regard to salaries, he voted yes on all of them, and his intent is that the City Manager has the responsibility of reviewing the City Staff, understand what they do, and their performance level, and if it is warranted, he presents it to the City Council. He said that in regard to trash issues, it is so difficult to make people think. He questioned why would a resident place their garbage pails on a pile of ice and not think it is going to slide off. He questioned why would a resident drag their garbage pail so many hours before the time allowed knowing that it is going to blow over and then have to go out again and pick the garbage up. He said that the problem and answer to that is that they do not care. He said that they do not go out and pick it up. He said that the City gives them a summons but then the residents still live in a dirty City. He spoke on how his Funeral Home Staff goes out every morning with a broom and picks up everybody else's garbage. He spoke on the Animal Control issue. He said that the City Council has been presented this issue numerous times and he said that this has been an on-going thing. He said that the entire City Council has quizzed the City Manager of the licensing credibility of Mr. Santini and New Jersey Animal Control and Rescue. He said that what really bothers him the most, is why did this guy have so many different names. He said that based on that fact, when people judge you, that is the person's reputation. He said that he will make sure the City reviews that point. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Calandriello thanked the Middle School Choir and Band who came here to play Christmas Music tonight before the start of the Regular Meeting. He said that in regard to the Animal Control Officer, how this got here, to the meeting and how it was set up, he really does not have that information. He said that his goal in this, when someone is interviewed, do they meet all the license requirements, have good recommendations, and would do the job at the best possible price for the City of Garfield. He said that he questioned City Manager Duch about the \$45,000 contract fee, if this guy was truly vetted out before he was hired, and how did this gentleman get placed on the agenda. He said that if this man has political connections with Senator Nick Sacco, it did not go through him. He said that he would have no problem rescinding the Animal Control Officer resolution and contract at the next Council Meeting on December 19th.

Councilmember Erin Delaney said that since the last City Council Meeting, there was the Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall, there was the Tree Lighting and Centennial Quilt Unveiling at the Public Library, and there was the City Centennial Gala, and she was so honored to be part of them all. She thanked everyone who made all these events possible and she thanked the Band and Choir who performed before the start of tonight's Council Meeting. She said that in regard to the Animal Control Officer, this was something that was brought up at the beginning of the year, and she presented it to the City Manager to look into, which he delegated to his Staff, which is how the City Council heard some of the proposals. She said that it is not fair or appropriate to make accusations about Mr. Santini without the gentleman being present. She said that she will not speak on the prior Animal Control Officer's performance but from her understanding, Mr. Santini has his own shelter in West New York and no longer contracts with his brother-in-law, Mr. Vincent Ascolese. She said that the Request For Qualifications was sent out, so the decision was made based on qualifications which was explained to her by Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano. She said that the prior City Animal Control Officer did submit a proposal. She said that in regard to the multiple names, the City can look into this matter, and some of the information is about his brother-in-law, and not him, and she said that she does not feel that someone should be found guilty by association because you cannot choose your in-laws. She said that the City Council will continue to look into this matter further. She said that she wants to hear all the facts and get all the ducks in a row and see what options are out there.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney said that for people to make comments about political patronage, he said that he does not believe that there is one person who knows who Nick Sacco is. He said that for that alone, it is obvious that people are wrong on some of their facts. He said that Councilmembers have never received reports from Lysa DeLaurentis. She said that in regard to a comment that Mr. Santini has no Facebook Page, the previous Animal Control Officer wrote an email to an employee in the City Manager's Office to give to City Manager Tom Duch because she claimed that she did not know his email address. He said that if you are a contract employee of the City for years, and you do not have the City Manager's email address, there is something wrong

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there. He said that he spoke to representatives of the New Jersey Certified Training Officer's Association during the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference, last month, and this group recommended Geoffrey Santini as an Animal Control Officer. He said that he commends everything that the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation does, but he got elected by the entire City and he has to represent all of them, not certain volunteers with different opinions. He said that to say that the prior Animal Control Officer, Lysa DeLaurentis, did not know about the Request For Qualifications, he has an email from her questioning why she has to submit a proposal, and she did hand in a proposal. He claimed that her email was very unprofessional. He said that the right thing has to be done for the City. He thanked Mayor Rigoglioso for bringing the Band and Choir here tonight before the meeting and he said that they did a great job. He said that the Animal Control contract is good for one year, and if Mr. Santini does not work out, the City can get rid of him. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and told everyone to smile and be happy.

Mayor Rigoglioso said that seeing Lysa DeLaurentis tonight in the audience, is the first time that he is meeting her. She commented on the current award for Animal Control Services being only a one year contract. He said that he does not question how Lysa DeLaurentis does her job, he questions how the City got to this point. He said that it is very emotional and that the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation has a relationship with her for the past eight years. He said that when the City put out a Request For Qualifications, this new person put his application in, and he does not know who Nick Sacco is. He said that the City Council interviewed Mr. Santini and shortly thereafter he was highly recommended by the people in the New Jersey Certified Training Officer's Association at the League of Municipalities Conference when his name was brought up. He said that maybe the City Council could have done a better job with due-diligence on this person and brought the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation into the process. He said that in regard to the many alias', he does not know why somebody would need that, and Mr. Santini needs to answer that. He said that Mr. Santini cannot be blamed for his brother-in-law, because he, himself, has wacky brother-in-laws. He said that if Mr. Santini's brother-in-law is still working for him, that can be an issue. He spoke on the Best Decorated House for the Holidays contest. He said that River Drive looks great and festive for the Holidays and hopefully other streets like Midland Avenue and Outwater Lane can be decorated a little more festive in the future. He said that it was nice to see the Band and Choir from the Middle School here tonight. He said that he likes to see the Arts more involved here in Garfield and he likes to showcase them. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. He said that he hopes everyone stays safe for the Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5